WEBSITES

National VA Pain Management

https://www.va.gov/painmanagement/
Wealth of VA-specific information including pages devoted to information about cognitive behavioral therapy for chronic pain (CBT-CP)

• Treatment Works for Vets

 https://www.treatmentworksforvets.org/proven-treatment-for-chronic-pain/ User-friendly, patient-centered explanation about CBT-CP that includes videos, flip books, and other practical treatment information

American Chronic Pain Association (ACPA)

http://theacpa.org
Dedicated to peer support and education for individuals with chronic pain and their families; includes free tools and local support group info

FREE APPS



Breathe2Relax

o Breathing tool that monitors breath and assists with relaxation



iBreathe

o Simple guided breathing guide that is easy to use and understand



Virtual Hope Box

• Excellent all-in-one resource for relaxation, distraction, and quotes



Mindfulness Coach

Assists with noticing and paying attention to present moment



ACT Coach

Offers guide for using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) to help

BOOKS

- Managing Pain Before It Manages You: Fourth Edition, Margaret Caudill, PhD © 2016
 - Used thousands of patients for decades, great for self-management
- The Pain Survival Guide, Dennis Turk, PhD and Frits Winter © 2005
 - Easy to use, practical pain psychology workbook
- The Opioid-Free Pain Relief Kit Beth Darnall, PhD © 2016
 - Practical and accessible application of pain psychology skills with a relaxation audiophile and CD

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